

## **BMFA Scotland Area Members' Meeting Agenda for**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2026, via Zoom**

**1. Apologies for absence:** Douglas Cowan and Derrick Allison both Warrix Flying Group

**2. Club attendance and establishing voting strength:**

Burns Country Flyers, Clyde Valley MAC, Dornoch Model Flying Club, East Fortune Aeromodellers, Glenluce and Galloway Flyers, Glenrothes Aeromodellers

Total voting strength of 6.

**Members present:**

Alasdair Sutherland – Clyde Valley Flyers MAC

Alison Hicks - Clyde Valley Flyers MAC

David Bouchard – East Fortune Aeromodellers

Dave Roughley – Dornoch Model Flying Club

David Storey – Clyde Valley Flyers MAC

Jordan Pedersen – Cumbernauld Model Flying Club

Mark Christie – Glenrothes Aeromodelling Club

Michael Williamson – Country Member

Nick Reeves – Burns Country Flyers

Nigel Miscampbell – Glenluce and Galloway Flyers

**3. Minutes of previous meeting held on**

**Proposed** - Glenluce and Galloway Flyers

**Seconded** – Clyde Valley Flyers MAC

**Vote- 6**

#### **4. Reports from officers**

##### **a. Chairman, Alasdair Sutherland**

The BMFA has an “Outreach Program” with a budget of £5000, and encourages “Outreach events”. I take that to mean reaching out into the community to make members of the public more aware of aeromodelling. They encourage each Area to have an Outreach Officer, but we don’t have one as yet.

The Clyde Valley Flyers club received an invitation from the Glasgow Vintage Vehicle Trust bus museum to attend their Model Day, along with many other model makers. Five or six members went along with several models to show, and a laptop with a model simulator. Quite a few visitors stopped to ask about the models, and the hands-on simulator was particularly attractive. There was also a representative of the SAA present.

The BMFA University challenge competition has been running for around thirty years and several Scottish universities have taken part, in particular Strathclyde University. This year we had 72 students, and again the CVF club hosted their test flight day and a week later their competition day, and they also booked a reserve day.

As recommended to me last year by Andy Symons (Club Liaison) and Helen Jones (Outreach Director), I asked Nigel to stick another £300 onto our annual budget request to cover an Outreach event, and they paid it in full. That sum was paid to the club to offset partially their costs involved (new mower, hire of roller, toilet servicing). That sets a precedent, so we know we can do that in future. I'd like to suggest that other affiliated clubs try to involve the public in a similar manner, by supporting a University course or displaying aeromodelling at a local community event, and I invite the club to apply to the Area for financial assistance.

I'd like to fill in some details regarding the Scale Fly-in arranged in conjunction with the SAA, and now moved to 26th July, and funding agreed for that. It has been agreed that we will not charge for taking part and will supply free hospitality, a buffet of sandwiches, probably including pies and cakes, with tea and coffee and probably soft drinks. The event will be quite informal.

There will be two awards for scale models, one for flying only and the other in some way rewarding building effort. Both will be simply engraved for the “Scottish Scale Fly-in”, but not personalised in any way, not named after individuals. Caravans and motorhomes will be welcomed overnight, flying will be freely available on the Saturday, but the awards and catering will be Sunday only. Scotland Area will pay only half the cost, which should be a bit less than the £750 allocated and approved for an Area event.

We want to encourage more clubs to hold open events and the Area now has plenty of money to help, though BMFA rules limit what we can spend it on. Please tell your club members, tell them to find more information on our Area website, our Facebook page, where they will also find other events of interest listed.

**b. Vice-chairman, Area Delegate to BMFA and Communications Officer, Jordan Pedersen**

*Communication to the meeting was only by text.*

Re-iterated clubs should send him up-coming event information so he can post it up on the Area’s FaceBook group. Dave Roughley said he would contact Jordan with their 8<sup>th</sup> August event,

**c. Treasurer, Nigel Miscampbell**

The Area has £7,234.30 in the bank. Nigel urged clubs to start thinking of funding support the area can provide to them.

**d. Secretary, Alison Hicks**

Very little communications.

The BMFA are running for a second year the Club of the Year competition. Information has been sent to all clubs’ Chairs and Secretaries, Alison said she can forward that email on to people or they can go to BMFA awards webpage.

#### **e. Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator, Nick Reeves**

West Calder T and T weekend went ahead but weather conditions were not great. Training for 2 x A, 1 x B and 1 x C went well but no tests. Nick said the club was very welcoming to everyone.

Clyde Valley T and T weekend will take place this following weekend.

Dornoch Club requested a T and T weekend as they have a B ready for testing. There followed a discussion regarding logistics and funds to facilitate it. Nigel confirmed that there were specific funds set aside for such long distance events. Nick said he would be willing to go and that they would need Bob Nellis too.

It was noted that club members need to have held a B certificate for 6 months before they can become club examiners; however, discussions between Bill Anderson and Duncan McClure suggest that depending on circumstances and abilities this period could be shortened.

#### **f. Drone Representative, Michael Williamson**

There has been some new FPV rules. Mike is working through these to produce a simplified version ready to upload onto the various platforms.

#### **g. Country Member Representative, Ken Ward**

Ken was not available for the meeting. No report was given.

### **5. Elections for vacant posts**

- Flying Disciplines Representative
- Outreach Officer

## 6. AOC.

Mark, Glenrothes Aeromodelling Club, raised the proposal to provide funds for FPV group competition funding to widen the optics of the BMFA.

A good discussion followed for this specific funding and suggestions for other items/funds that all affiliated clubs could have available to them to raise awareness of the hobby and the BMFA. There was general agreement that the committee should find out if the Area could get a single capital purchase of flight sim and large screen for out reach events.

**Glenrothes Aeromodelling Club proposed** that in principle there could be a spend of upto £360 over the next 18 months to go towards FPV competition events, particularly the rent expenditure. **Seconded by Glenluce and Galloway Flyers. Votes: 6 - carried.**

**Dornoch Model Flying Club proposed** the Area committee look into the costs of providing BMFA banners to all affiliated clubs. **Seconded by Clyde Valley Flyers. Votes: 6 – carried.**

Mark noted that the 2024/2025 accounts had £250 set aside for safety vests/tabards.

Mark, pointed out that the Area need to have less than £6,000 in the bank to qualify for new funds next year. As an Area we need to ensure funds are spent.

**Next meeting agreed:** Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2026, 7pm, via Zoom.

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